Funds Earmarked for Building Storages for Grains

4450. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA :
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate funds have not been earmarked for building storages for grains in the country during the current Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as a result of inadequate storage facilities, atleast 25 per cent to 30 per cent of the grains are spoiled or destroyed in our country; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to release sufficient amount of money for constructing storages for the preservation of grains in the country and what would be the allocation of funds on this account during the current plan period ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a) For the Seventh Plan period, the Planning Commission had agreed to an outlay of Rs. 246 crores.

(b) No Sir, the damage to stocks held by the Food Corporation of India, the main public agency handling government stocks of grains, had been reported to be less than 1% during the 3 years 1984-85 to 1986-87.

(c) Against the Seventh Plan outlay of Rs. 246 crores, about Rs. 240 crores are likely to be utilised by the end of 1988-89. Suitable outlay would be provided for 1989-90 for construction of warehousing and storages.

Removal of 4000 Tonnes of Thorium Hydroxide

4451. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY ;
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK ;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government are aware that there are chances of Bhopal type disaster in Ernakulam this time if Indian Rare Earths, the Thorium Mill, of the Atomic Energy Commission does not remove 4,000 tonnes of Thorium Hydroxide stored near Periyar River:

(b) if so, the details thereof: and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government to avoid Bhopal type disaster in that city ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) There is no possibility of a Bhopal type disaster in Ernakulam due to the Indian Rare Earths Plant located at Alwaye.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Burglary in Army Headquarters

4452. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY ;
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK ;

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press

report p peared in the "Indian Express' dated 3rd August, 1988 wherein ' it has been stated that there has been burglary in Army Headquarters:

(b) if so, the number of files stolen:

(c) what are the subject to which the files relates; and

(d) whether any inquiry has been conducted and if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) ; (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A case has been registered with the Parliament Street Police Station vide FIR No. 272 dated 26 July, 1988 under Sections 454 and 380 of Indian Penal Code reporting the loss of 75 files. The missing files relate to maintenance, repair and allied matters pertaining to tanks and tracked vehicles.

(d) A Court of Inquiry has been ordered, which is in progress.

Non-availability of 'Echo-Cardiography Dry Paper' in Army Hospital, Delhi

4453. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY :
SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that "Echo Cardiography Recorder" dry silver recording paper for Rewlett packed ultra sound imaging system is out of stock in the Army Hospital, Delhi for the last couple of months with the result cardiography facility which is must for heart patients could not be made available even to very serious patients and VIPs:

(b) what are the technical/financial difficulties Government are facing to Air-lift/import this paper from France immediately on SOS basis for the hospital: and

(c) by when this 'dry silver recording paper' for cardiography would be made available in adequate quantity to the Army Hospital, Delhi to save the life of innocent Army personnel/petients and VVIP Army officials including Generals, Chief of Air Staff, Chief of Naval Staff and other high ranking officials ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) ; (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Dry Silver Recording paper permits a copy being made of the ultra sound image for hospital records. The peper is an imported item. in view of foreign exchange constraints, the import of this consumale item is not being made. All vital data projected on the ultra sound screen is scrutinised by the Cardiologist and recorded on the patientjs case sheet. Hence, non procurement of dry silver recording paper has not led to any adverse effect on the treatment of heart patients.

Vacancies of Assistants

4454. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of vacancies of Assistants in the years 1980 to 1982-86 year-wise, reported to the Department of Personnel and Training UPSC for direct recruitment;